# ORPHAN'S MOTHER RETURNS TO FIND - HOME A DUSTHEAP

Mme. Dupire Tells Henri's Parrain She Is "a Little Saddened" by Visit

275,149 FRANCS FOR 3,444

Additional Contributions Boost Continuation Fund for A.E.F.'s Adopted Mascots

Mme. Vve. Henri Dupire, mother of little Henri Oscar Dupire, one of The Stars and Sthipes 3,444, has just paid a visit to the site of her former home in Houplines. It required three hours to locate the spot where the family had once lived. Mme. Dupire writes 1st Lieut. J. H. Sullivan, C.A.C., godfather of her son, that she is "a little saddened" by her journey. This is her letter and it portrays conditions faced by thousands of refugees returning to the devustated regions of France:

"I beg to thank you for the letter that I have just received regarding my little Henri

"I beg to thank you for the letter that I have just received regarding my little Horri Oscar Dupire. You will excuse the delay in replying, as having received a telegram from the prefect of the Nord Department to go to Houplines, I left Echire on February 12 for Houplines. I stayed with the family at Tourcoing three days, going to Houplines on February 15.

#### Ruins Amid the Snow

"It was snowing at that time, but in spite of the weather I arrived in Houplines, and after searching for three hours found the ground on which our house once stood. house nor anything else. Alas, what ruins: I can only resign myself, for I am not likely to be able to go back to the place of m birth, when the ground on which my hom stood has been the principal field of battle. what disaster - nothing remains to use, neither fields nor house. Then, dear sir, I returned to Tourcoing.

"I must tell you that little Tienri Oscar "I must tell you that little Uenri Oscar has had a slight attack of the grippe, but that he is almost quite well again now and is going to school regularly, and also his little sister and brother are in excellent health. My own health is good, but I am a little saudened by my Journey and at not inding anything remaining or ".eing able to return to work the land". Ch has not been cultivated for at least two years."

#### More Continuation Money

week saw the creation of several nal individual trust funds for the of war orphans already additional individual trust funds for the benefit of war orphans already adopted, and a neat increase in the general Continuation Fund, which will be devoted to the care of the 3,444 in an effort to give them the opportunity they would have enjoyed had not their fathers died fighting for the freedom of the world.

Following are the contributions for the week:

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### YVES LANCE SHINES AS ORPHAN LITTERATEUR

Little Yves Lance may not know it, but she is one of the best correspondents among the 3.444 orphans of THE STARS AND STRUES family.

Yves was adopted by a modest captain of the A.E.F. who resents publicity, but is willing that his protege should be given credit for his efforts. Following is Xves more than the structure of the A.E.F. who resents publicity, but is willing that his protege should be given credit for his efforts. Following is Xves of French War Orphans to Their American Red Cross, a copy of which will be sent free on application to This Exars and Strilles:

"My dear Godfather:
"I am sure you will not be sorry to have a larger acquaintance with your little war godson. I will tell you then that I am a lively little boy, very fond of play during recreation time, but, according to what my teachers say, do not waste my time when I am in class. I am already working hard for my lirst certificate at school.

Assistant to Sacristan

"Our house is fairly large, on account of mama's business; it stands high on gravel soil and is close to the church, which is very convenient, as I go there to act as assistant to the sacristan. The wind blows a lot around our house and when I go to the church at 6 o'clock in the morning, to perform my duties there. I tuck my hands away in my nocleets (which I am told at large shawl—for maima comes will me each morning and while I chant verses from the

thin and had many whims of an invalid.

"Although I loved him very much, it made me feet very bad to see him like that, and so I did not go to see him very often. "One night, on walking up, I saw mama erying. She said to me very softly that grundfather was dead, but that we must not be too grieved about it, for he had gone to see our papa, and he would never suffer any more . . . .

## A Well-Disciplined Choir

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"On becoming sacristan, I was made head choir boy; the other choir boys are not much younger than I am, but they are quite disciplined and easy to lead. Monsieur the Vicar says that I am the little chief of a Officer, because I have gilt buttons on my overcent placed like those of naval mon, but since grandfather's death those buttons. I must say that on Sundays I feel very proud to lind myself a person of such importance.

"There is only one thing I regret, and that is not to be able to ring the bells, and to assist mama—but that will come in time—little fish become big ones, supposing that the good God gives them a long enough life—little beadles also!

"I will write you more frequently in future. I am sure you will not be vexed with me if I write a lot that mity seem to be only nonsense. But, as you know, Jucothing about. For example, I low nothing about. For example, I low nothing about the Society of Nations and the menace of Bolshevism. I will write you pleasure. In my first letter I shall describe to you my life at school.

"Yours affectionately,"

HENRI OSCAR DUPIRE



is his parrain

# **WELFARE OFFICER** TO EACH DIVISION NEW G.H.Q. PLAN

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he welfare officer will be in his jurisdic-ion over free distributions of food and arious supplies by the different societies indiscriminate giving away of articles, the new general order formulates the policy to be followed in free distribution, as follows:

"It is directed that free distribution by the welfare societies of food, tobacco and other articles for individual consumption be limited to those situations in which such be limited to those situations in which such free distribution will be of real benefit to the troops. In general, it may be permitted when ordinary comforts and facilities are not available, as to the sick and wounded and to troops in transit or otherwise separated from the usual sources of supply. Special cases will be dealt with in accordance with the principles herein announced. Welfare officers will scrutinize with care any free distribution within their units and will insist upon adherence to these principles."

#### Result of Interesting Controversy

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The adoption of this policy in the
A.E.F. follows an interesting controversy
as the result of a recommendation of the
Committee of Eleven in the United States
that auxiliary organizations be restricted
to giving away not more than ten per cenof the money received by each as the result of the United War Work Campargn
for funds in the States last fall.
One of the organizations objected to the
restriction and disapproved of it in a resolution. In the United War Work drive
for funds the following amounts were
sought:

M.C.A.

Total.....\$170,500,000
The amount actually pledged in the drive was \$203,000,000, but the fact that the varieties had been signed resulted in some of the pledges being reduced or unpaid, and the amount collected and yet to be collected will probably total approximately \$170,500,000. The \$15,000,000 of the War Camp Community Service is for use wholly in the United States. Only a small fraction of the V.W.C.A.'s fund is intended for overseas when the V.W.C.A.'s fund is intended for overseas when the variety of the V.W.C.A. and is intended for overseas when the variety of the V.W.C.A. and is intended for overseas when the variety of the variety of the V.W.C.A. and is intended for overseas on the variety of variety of the variety of varie Total.....\$170,500,000

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The adoption of the new plan of supervision of the many server in the supervision of the many server in the follower ment appropriated \$1,500,000 of this has been expended. The fund will be replenished, however, by the auxiliary organizations. In the future, divisional and other athletic officers will have charge of the distribution of sporting goods in their areas and will obtain their supply through the Chief Athletic Officer, A.E.F., by requisition. This, it is expected, will insure an even supply.

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The new supplemented by appropriating from each of the other welfare organizations in proportion to their share of the total budget. Under the new arrangement this amount is supplemented by appropriating from each of the other welfare organizations in proportion to their share of the total budget. Under the new arrangement is the entertainment expenditures will be so supervised that the expenses connected with this work will be shared by all the societies on a fair basis to be agreed upon by the content of the distribution system have made necessary the defendance of anticers that Army transportation shall be made available to the societies, on a fair basis to be agreed upon by the distribution system have made necessary in the concluding paragraphis of the new years of the distribution system have made necessary in the conferences between heads of the auxiliary organizations in France.

# AMERICAN LEGION, TO UNITE WAR'S VETERANS, ON WAY TO FORMATION

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tion of the citizen to the State, to preserve to history and incidents of our participation in the war, and to cement the ties of comradeship formed in service, do hereby found and establish an association for the furtherance of the foregaing nursess.

going purposes.

Those eligible to membership shall be:
All officers and enlisted personnel in the military and naval service of the United States of America at any time during the period from April 6, 1917, until November 11, 1918, inclusive; excepting however persons leaving the service without an honorable discharge, or persons who, after having been called into the service, re fused, failed or attempted to evade the full performance of such service.

The society shall consist of a national

The society shall consist of a national organization with subsidiary branches, one for each state, territory and foreign possession of the United States, and the District of Columbia, as well as one in each foreign country where members of the national society may be resident and who - desire to associate themselves together.

the membership of such subsidiary or ganizations shall determine, except that all branches shall comply with the requirements and purposes of the permanent national constitution.

The representation shall be on the basis of the actual enrollment in the subsidiary branches at all conventions after the adoption of a permanent constitution.

### The Opening Session

A lengthy and lively debate as to whether

A lengthy and lively debate as to whether voting should be by delegations or individuals developed as soon as temporary organization had been effected at the opening session of the caucus Saturday. The vote on the delegation proposal was finally carried, 279 to 78 Sth Division, as temporary secretary, in the absence of the temporary chairman, Lieut-Col. Theodore Roosevelt, 1st Division, who is now in America. Temporary organization was effected with the unanimous election of Lieut-Col. Bennett C. Clark as chairman and of Mujor Wood as secretary.

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The following organizations were represented and, following the adoption of the december of the following the adoption of the control of the control

### Four Committees Appointed

Further debate followed a motion to have the chairman appoint an organization com-mittee with a member from each delega-tion, but this was voted down in favor of an amendment to have the chair name four committees, each of 15 members, on per-manent organization, constitution, national convention and name.

These committees were announced as

Remmel, Paris Command; Capt. Oscar El. Carlstrom, S.O.S.; Major R. C. Patterson, Paris Command.
Constitution: Lieut. Col. G. Edward Buxton, Jr., \$2nd Division; Col. Carl El. Ristine. 33th Division; Major Redmond C. Stewart, 1st Division; Major Redmond C. Stewart, 1st Division; Lieut. Col. William H. Cuttiss, 91st Division; Lieut. Col. Thomas W. Miller, 79th Division; Major John H. Hall, 28th Division; Pvt. J. Blackwell, Paris Command; Col. Millton A. Foreman, 33rd Division; Lieut. Col. John Price Jackson, Paris Command; Pvt. John T. Winterleh, Paris Command; Pvt. John T. Winterleh, Paris Command; Lieut. Col. Lemud L. Bolles, 1st Army; Col. Edward L. Logan, 26th Division,
Convention: Brig. Gen. J. H. Sherburne, 26th Division; Capt. Ogden L. Mills, Cl.L. Col. J. II. Graham, S.O.S.; Pvt.

28th Division: Brig. Gen. J. H. Sherburne.
28th Division: Capt. Orden L. Mills.
G.H.Q.: Col. J. H. Graham, S.O.S.; Pvt.
C. W. Ney. 1st Army; Capt. R. V. Mahon.
77th Division; St. J. C. Hender, Paris
Command; Sgt. F. R. Obrecht, 1st Army;
Capt. Arthur W. Kipling, Troops with
French; Wagoner D. J. Shaw, 88th Division; Gapt. Arthur W. Kipling, Troops with
French; Wagoner D. J. Shaw, 88th Division; Leut. Col. Frank Appleton, 2nd
Army; Cpl. John H. Anderson, 42nd Division; Major Victor W. Hungerford, 3rd
Army; Lieut. Col. George Wrea, 38th
Division; A.F.C. Dan Sowers, G.H.Q.;
Lieut. Col. Paul B. Clemens, 32nd Division;
Major Samuel R. Todd, Sist Division,
S. Dwight, S.O.S.; St.
W. Dwight, S.O.S. Division; Maj. Arthur
S. Dwight, S.O.S. Division; Maj. Arthur
Army Corps; Maj. E. S. Haile, 77th Division; Capt. Odgen Mills, Call.Q.; Lieut.
S. Division, St. G. F.
Fleming, Paris Command; Sgt. G. E.
E. Sommers, Peace Commission; Sgt. G. F.
Fleming, Paris Command; Maj. Horace
Rumsey, Sth Division; Maj. D. Drain,
Third Army; Lieut. Col. E. A. Robbins,
Jr., Sixth Corps; Lieut. Steplane C. Marlor,
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St. Birling Army; Lieut. Col. Thomas W. Miller took the
chair at the opening of the session on Monday, Stunday having been given up to
meetings of the four committees. The counce tabled temporarily, and the forman

# A.E.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

mittee is given herewith. A few of
the members are serving temporarily for the organization they represent and some vacancies still are
to be filled.
First Army—Lieut. Col. L. L.
Holles, Sgt. Maj. Ruce.
Second Army—Lieut. Col. Francis
R. Appleton, Jr.
Third Army—Lieut. Col. Burk II.
Sinclair.

Thirty-third—Col. Mitton J. Foreman.
Thirty-fifth—Licut. Col. Bennett C. Clark, Sup. Sgt. Fred Hency.
Thirty-slxth—Col. Chas. W. Nimon, Sgt. Mgl. H. H. Evridge.
Forty-first—Col. Frank White.
Forty-second—Col. H. J. Reilly.
Seventy-seventh — Mgl. Dunean
Harris, Sgt. Lawrence Miller.
Seventy-ninth—Licut. Col. Stunrt
S. Janney, Sgt. Henjamin R. Kaufmann.

Thompson. Base Sec. No. 3-Lieut. Col. Carle

Base Sec. No. 6-Maj. Arthur S. Dwight.

Dwight,
Troops serving with French—Capt.
Arthur W. Kipling, Sgt. L. K. Flynt,
Delegates-at-Lange — Lieut, Col.
Geo. A. White, G.H.Q.; Maj. Brie F.
Wood, SSt. Blwislon; Maj. Richard
C. Patterson, Paris Command: Lieut.
L. R. Patrali.

officers and 25 enlisted men as members of committee to confer with committees to be appointed in the United States. It was pointed out that these 50 members repre-sented 27 military units and 31 States, but the ratification of the report was objected to on the grounds that an even more rep-resentative committee might be formed in another manner.

tatives on the executive committee, one officer and one enlisted man The present membership of the committee is given herewith. A few of

First Division—Capt. Arthur S. Hyde,

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Second Division—Lieut. Col. Harold C. Sayder.

Pywenty-sixth—Lieut. Col. William
Keeville, Regt. Sup. Sgt. Whenton
Frwenty-seventh—Lieut. Col. Edward F. Gauche, Sgt. Maj. Samuel
A. Rifchie.
Twenty-seichth—Brig. Gen. William G. Price, Jr., Sgt. Ted Myers.
Twenty-ninth—Lieut. Col. O. M.
Hurd, Color Sgt. A. Z. Holley.
Thirty-first—Capt. Leon Schwartz.
Thirty-third—Col. Milton J. Foreman.

Eightieth—Capt. Arthur F. Shaw.
Eighty-first—Maj. Theo. C. Tlighman, Sgt. Wm. S. Beam.
Eighty-second—Capt. Frank Williams, Sgt. Alvin York.
Eighty-hird—Lient. Col. W. C.
Lawrence, Jr., Corp. Thoyer.
Eighty-sixth—Maj. John H. Smale.
Eighty-clghth—Lient. Col. Geo. C.
Parsons, Wagoner Dale J. Shaw.
Eighty-ninth—Lient. Col. Frank
W. Smith.

Elghty-ninth—Lieut, Col. Frank W. Smith.
Minety-first—Lieut, Col. John C. Strohm, Sgt. Maj. Herzeovitz, G.H.Q.—Chaphain Chas. H. Brent. Hq. So.S.—Col. Jas. H. Graham, Adv. Sec., So.S.—Capt. David A. Marrier, Puris Command—Col. John P. Jackson, Pyt. Harold W. Hoss. Buse Sec. No. 1—Pyt, Warrick L. Thompson,

Abrams.
Base Sec. No. 5—Maj. Orlin Hud-

end from the platform. Lieut. Col. Lemuel for the committee on the constitution, Lieut Col. William A. Graham of the 88th Division for the committee on permanent organ sion for the committee on permanent organization and Wagoner Dule Shaw of the 88th Division for the committee on conventions. Bishop Charles H. Brent, senior chaplain of the A.E.F., took the platform to offer to the newly formed organization the full cooperation of the Comrades in Service and to express his admiration for the American Legion. The caucus tendered him a vote of thanks for his offer.

Bishop Brent on Tuesday announced that the name of the Comrades in Service has been extended to Comrades in Service in Co-operation with the American Legion, and that hereafter the Comrades in Service would devote its efforts to furthering the new organization. ization and Wagoner Dale Shaw of the 88th

new organization. The report of the committee on perma-

Convention Armistice Day

Majority and minority reports were
tuned in by the committee on conventions.
The majority report provided for a convention more than the committee of a convention more than the convention of the con

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# LAUNCHING THE AMERICAN LEGION

us—and there was several after it—came n the opening minutes Saturday when a number of the 79th Division, responding the two members, one officer and one en-listed man to be selected from each unit to be named by the respective delega-tions attending this caucus. Each unit shall present the names of committee-men, who shall as far as possible repro-sent in point of residence each state, ter-ritory and possession of the United States and the District of Columbia. The executive committee may receive and add to its members two representato requests from the chair for a suggested method of parliamentary procedure, clutched the balcony rail in front of him and said.

without a trace of stage fright:
"I move we adopt the rules of the House
of Representatives, with one amendment:
that the one hour rule be changed to a five
defiance by waving their sign. ninute rule."

And it was so.

zation of the permanent national convention.

The committee is further charged with the duty of making known the existence and purpose of this organization, of stimulating interest in it, and of inviting the support of all those entitled to membership.

No policy except in furtherance of the creation of a permanent organization, having in mind the desirability of unity of action in organizing all the American forces, shall be adopted or carried out by the committee.

A meeting for the temporary and preliminary organization of the executive committee shall be held at this place immediately upon the adjournment of this caucus.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO

MEET IN PARIS ON APRIL 7

The executive committee, which will be

esponsible for the affairs of the A.E.F. end

f the American Legion from now until the

holding of the first convention, met imme

diately after the adjournment of the caucus

Col. Milton J. Foreman of the 33rd Division

was elected chairman and four of the eight

embers at large were selected as follows

Lieut, Col. George A. White, G.H.Q. Iaj. Eric Wood, 88th Division; Maj Lieut. Col. George A. White, G.H.Q.: Maj. Eric Wood, Sth Division; Maj. Richard C. Patterson, Paris Command, and Lieut. L. R. Fairall, 88th Division.
Lieut. Col. White was named secretary of the committee and Major Patterson assis-

the committee and Major Patarson assis-lant secretary. April 7 was selected as the date of the next meeting of the committee. It will be held in Paris.

states and the District of Columbia.

The executive committee may receive and add to its members two representatives from any division or equivalent unit not represented.

This executive committee shall have the committee shall have the committee shall have the columbia of the committee shall have the columbia of the states to secure one general convention of persons entitled to membership under the tentative constitution, to elect his officers and appoint such sub-committees and give them such powers as may be proper and necessary.

This executive committee, acting in conjunction with the committee and the United States, is specifically charged with the duty of fixing a date and place for helding a national convention, issuing a call for the holding of county and state conventions and providing a unit of representation and method of selection of delegates to the national convention by the state conventions. The powers of this committee shall expire upon the organization of the permanent national convention.

The committee is further charged with When one speaker pointed dramatically to the painted notice under which the dele-gates from a certain division would have sat if they had been there and asked who

The S.O.S. made a reputation for rapid action. Just before the caucus took a tenminute recess Saturday a delegate observed that if the S.O.S. wished to get a vote for each of its base sections and other subdivisions it abould have parinted signs, smiller to those used by the various combat divisions. G.H.Q., the Paris Command and other delegations. He also suggested that if the S.O.S. wanted such signs it was up to the S.O.S. to furnish them itself. When the caucus reconvened, the S.O.S. had the signs.

"Think of me being a veteran of anything at all," mused one of the enlisted delegates, "And when I left home I wasn't even old enough to buy a drink—legally."

Action may have been expedited by the reminder given a colonel shortly after the popening of the first day's session. "We must remember that we have only three lays bere," he said, "and Paris is well equipped with eagle eyes."

Lieut. Col. F. T. Pusey, from the 28th livision, has evidently learned much about the value of compactness in pack making. During recess it was noted that he was carrying his Paris baggage inside the lining of his cap. Item: One extra collar.

The first interim of laughter in the cau-train. The colonel's pleadings were of no us—and there was several after it—came avail. The orderly finally arrived at the mucus hall on Monday afternoon

When somebody from the 36th Division rose to announce that he had just received word of the football victory of his division

The Navy was not represented until late on the afternoon of the last day, when a lone sailor drifted in. He was asked whom

"Hell," he replied, "I don't represent inybody. I thought there was a show go-ng on here."

A captain of the Paris Command got up to speak and in doing so knocked down the Paris Command sign. A colonel gathered up the sign and held it high while the captain spoke. "Thunks," said the captain when he had finished; "that's what I call true democracy."

That the word "legion" in the American Legion, "smacked slightly of the silk stocking" was an objection raised by a sergeant in the Medical Department during the discussion on names. The word quickly found a defender in a colonel from the list Division, who said that his men had never felt more lonored than when they were fighting shoulder to shoulder with the men of the French Foreign Legion. A quietus was put on the discussion when a delegate mentioned that he personally had no grievance against a silk stocking or even a pair of them.

them.

Capt. Joseph Mills Hanson of G.H.Q. wanted to adopt the name American Legion of the Great War, the letter A.L.G.W. comprising the initials of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. One of the nembers of the committee on names had waxed poetic enough to demand American Crusaders.

The 35th Division claims the distinction of having been the first to appe at its mombers for the executive committee. Shortly after the chair had directed this action, "Kaussis Post No. 1" was formed, with Col. W. McD. Rowan as chairman and Maj. J. F. Gordon as secretary.

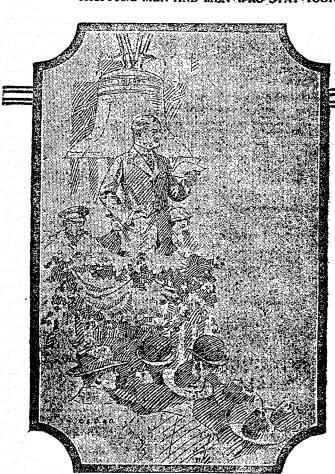
The road to the caucus was not a path of printoges for all the enlisted delegates. When Col. Carl E. Ristine of the 35th Division and his orderly, also a delegate, arrived at a certain station on the way to Paris, an infeeling M.F. entered the train and companied that the soldier vacate, evacuate and otherwise get out, it being an officers:

The good old method of passing the hat was employed to raise the money to meet the 4.00-franc expenses of the caucus. It was moved that every delegate then present contribute 20 france, but enlisted men with the member of all the delegate the present contribute 20 france, but enlisted men with a certain station on the way to Paris, an and other deductions breathed and otherwise get out, it being an officers:



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